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SENATOR WORKS ATTACKS COUNTRY'S NEWSPAPERS

HOTEL FIRE FATAL TO SEVEN PERSONS

And Fifteen Others Are Seriously Injured in the Blaze.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 17.—A dispatch from Malone, N. Y., says that seven persons were burned to death and fifteen others seriously injured when fire destroyed the Walton hotel there this morning.

Thirty or more guests were shut off from escape as the flames shot up a stairway. Several women jumped from the third floor.

The fire started with an explosion and ate up the old three-story wooden building as it were paper. Firemen managed to save a few of the guests by getting them out of the windows but there was little time for rescue work.

One woman jumped from a third story window and alighted upon a lumber pile. She was internally injured.

The Dead.

The identified dead are Albert Robideau, John Timmons, Fred Truscott, Michael Cooney, all of Malone; Phillip O'Connor, of Piercesville; and John Maud, of Albany.

The two persons most seriously injured who jumped from the first floor are Mrs. Tremo, of Ticonderoga, N. Y., and J. A. Martin, an actor.

John Rhodes, a clerk in the office of an express company, was working over his books when the fire started. He

heard an explosion and running to the door saw the hotel ablaze. He turned in an alarm. When the fire department reached the building the third story was a pillar of flames and rescues were impossible. All who were trapped there perished with the exception of the two who jumped. Those on the first and second floors, awakened by the fire engines, fled to safety in the street.

There were about fifteen persons in the hotel. The work of the firemen was hampered by a coating of sheetiron on the outside walls put there six years ago when the building was remodeled.

ACTION IN SECRET IS VERY IMPROPER

PRAYER DAY

In China April 27 is to Be by An Official Appeal Made.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) PEKING, China, April 17.—An official appeal was made today by the Chinese government to all the Christian churches in China to set aside April 27 as a day for prayer that China may be guided to a wise solution of the critical problems before it. The appeal was distributed by telegraph to all the governors and high officials within whose jurisdiction Christian communities are to be found. It was also sent to the leaders of the various missions. The appeal has given extraordinary satisfaction to mission circles, where it is pointed out that this is the first time in the history of the world that such a request has come from a non-Christian nation.

MEDLEY BAPTIZED

In the Death Cell Where He Will Be Executed Tomorrow.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) WHEELING, April 17.—John Medley, who will be executed in the penitentiary at Moundsville May 2, was baptized in the death cell by the prison chaplain. Medley, it is said, had declared he would never be executed but he is now preparing for the end. He will be hanged with John Hix.

Mrs. O. C. Straight and little daughter have returned from South Carolina. While in the South they were guests of Dr. W. E. Wright.

BANKERS MEET

Executive Committee of Group, No. 6, of State Association in Session.

Executive committee of Group, No. 6, of West Virginia Bankers' Association, held an informal meeting at the Waldo hotel last night at 10 o'clock and selected Paradise, Governor Fleming's summer home on the interurban street car line, as the place for the next group meeting, and May 29 as the time.

Walton Miller, of Fairmont; W. H. Chaddock, of Grafton; O. C. Witt, of Salem; together with the chairman of the group, E. B. Nelson, and Secretary-Treasurer Lee N. Satterfield, of Monongah, were in attendance.

This group has a membership of fifty-three banks comprising the rich counties of central West Virginia. A large attendance is expected at the meeting May 29, as these meetings are very instructive and an effort will be made to secure some noted speaker for the occasion.

HOME FROM FUNERAL.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Cox have returned from the funeral of Mr. Cox's sister, Mrs. Myrtle Langkett, of Johnstown, W. Va. The deceased woman is survived by her father, mother, four sisters and two brothers, and her husband and four children.

KNIGHT OBSEQUIES.

Funeral services over the body of Raymond Knight, the young high school student who died at his home at Lynch Mines Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock after a few hours' illness of convulsions, will be held at the home Friday morning at 10 o'clock and the burial will be in the Cork cemetery at Mt. Clare.

Republicans Denounce It and Declare the Public is Treated Unfairly.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) WASHINGTON, April 17.—The action of Democrats of the House in considering the new tariff bill behind closed doors was denounced by Republican leaders of the Senate today as unfair to the public and to business interests that may be affected. A demand for hearings on the bill was made by a number of senators who declared that business men and workmen were sending thousands of protests against the bill and demanding an opportunity to be heard as soon as the measure reached the Senate.

Democratic senators insisted that full hearings had been held in January by the House ways and means committee and that the Senate committee would not delay tariff reform by further hearings. The Republican senators declared that in January no one knew the extent of the reductions that were to be made and Senators Gallinger and Penrose said that some of the cuts in the tariff would wipe industries out of existence and that the people interested had not been given an opportunity to explain the effect of the proposed reduction upon their business.

"No one knew what the bill was to be until it came out of the ways and means committee," said Senator Penrose, "and even now the Democrats are legislating on the bill in secret caucus."

CARROL RESIGNS.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) MOUNTAIN VIEW, Pa., April 17.—The Rev. Charles W. Carroll has resigned as president of the Pennsylvania Anti-Saloon League and it was announced today that the Rev. J. E. Moore, of St. Louis, had been elected to his place.

While He is Supporting His Bill to Regulate Character of Their News.

DETAILS OF CRIME

Accidents and Tragedies He Declares Should Be Suppressed.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—Senator Works made a vigorous attack on the newspapers of the United States in a speech today in support of his bill to make it unlawful for District of Columbia newspapers to publish details of crime, accidents and tragedies.

"Whether the people want this kind of news or not, is one of the questions to be considered looking at journalism as nothing higher than a means of making money," said the senator. Newspaper men claim that they furnish this kind of news because the people want and will have it and therefore it is the only means of maintaining the public agent on a paying basis. If this is true it is certainly a melancholy fact. If it is untrue, it is a

grave charge to make against the American people. Undoubtedly it is true of some people, but I am convinced that the masses of the people who support the newspapers would prefer to have such news omitted and many people do not read the newspapers and exclude them from their homes because of objectionable matter.

The senator also attacked newspapers for the discomfort and embarrassment caused the relatives and friends of persons involved in crimes, accidents and tragedies.

He cited the case of Henry Clay Beatty, who killed his wife near Richmond, Va.

"It is well for the liberties of the people," continued the senator, "that censorship of the press is no longer allowed in this country, but to censor the press and thereby say what shall and what shall not be published is one thing and to make one responsible for the violation of the privilege thus secured to him is quite another. The very fact that

The Right to Publish what one pleases without abridgment exists is the strongest possible reason for making the publisher of news liable for abusing this right and privilege. I maintain that if a newspaper publishes matter that is poisonous to the minds of its readers thus violating the rules of good morals and decency, it should be made criminally liable for this offense."

The senator concluded by admitting that his bill was not likely to become a law. "It has been my purpose," he said, "to call the attention of the country to one of the greatest and

Most Corrupting Evils and influences of the present age. It is an evil which I admit cannot be overcome by law. It must be met by a better and purer public sentiment that will demand cleaner and more reliable journalism. The man who helps to make the public mind impure whether he be a journalist or not is a dangerous man and an enemy to the best interests of the country."

MASS MEETING TONIGHT.

Good music will be a feature of the very important mass meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association at 7:30 this evening at the First Baptist church. Ladies who have joined the auxiliary are as fully entitled to vote as men on all important matters which will be considered, like your friends and don't fail to catch the spirit of association fellowship.

STOCK EXCHANGES

Must Be Incorporated in Order to Use Mails, If Bill Passes.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—The incorporation of stock exchanges listing securities for interstate corporations under penalty of being barred from the use of the mails is proposed in a bill introduced today by Representative Neely, of Kansas, a member of the money trust investigating committee. The bill would impose severe penalties on stock exchange officials, brokers and telegraph companies who transmit between states any business of an incorporated exchange, and would give the postmaster general authority to regulate transactions on stock exchanges.

William B. Gandy, Sr., of Lima, O., is visiting relatives here.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE POURING IN VERY FAST

FUNERAL

Services Over Body of Miss Amy Hickman Will Be Held at Home.

Funeral services over the body of Miss Amy Hickman, who died at her home at 109 Buckhannon avenue, Broad Oaks, at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday night after a month's illness due to a nervous breakdown, will be held at the home on Buckhannon avenue at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning. The Revs. Paul L. Flanagan and W. M. Long will conduct the services. The burial will be in the Masonic cemetery.

The deceased girl is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hickman, two sisters and a brother. The sisters are Misses Bertha and Gertrude Hickman, both living at home. The brother is Cecil Hickman, who also lives in Broad Oaks.

The deceased girl was formerly employed at the Parsons-Souders stores on Main street, but was compelled to leave the store more than a month ago on account of falling health. She has a host of friends in the city who are pained to hear of her death, although they knew she had been in failing health for some time. She was a kind, lovable, Christian girl and will be greatly missed by her many friends.

ON THE MAP

Is Colonial Heights as Birth of Son to the Williamses Proves.

If there are any students of vital statistics in the community who have any doubts about the country, they should feel reassured by the fact that Colonial Heights is still on the map.

A fine boy baby was born to Dr. and Mrs. Jesse E. Williams, at 5 o'clock Thursday morning in their beautiful home in that addition to the great joy of the family. All the conditions of the happy event are favorable and the youngster has high promises of growing to stalwart manhood. Colonial Heights takes consideration at this time in the assurance that this is a great and growing and glorious country because a girl baby was born only two days ago to Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Sheets, next door neighbors. Now this little girl will eventually have a playmate.

TO ARRANGE.

MORGANTOWN, April 17.—The board of trade has appointed several committees to make arrangements for the meeting of the West Virginia Coal Mining Institute, which will be held in this city June 24. Between 300 and 400 visitors are expected to attend it.

SENDS BIRDS IN.

BELENGTON, April 17.—J. A. Vigness, state forest, game and fish warden, has purchased and received 100 pairs of Chinese ringneck pheasants and fifty pair of Hungarian partridges as a beginning to stock the state with these game birds.

OFFICIAL CALL.

ELKINS, April 17.—Henry G. Davis, chairman of the West Virginia Semi-Centennial Commission, has issued an official call for a meeting of the commission Monday, April 21, at Fairmont, for the purpose of selecting a state song, for which \$1,000 has been offered in a contest held by the commission.

LONG PENDING.

PARKERSBURG, April 17.—A divorce case that has been before the courts in one form or another for twenty-five years was revived when Morgan Henry, a resident of the upper end of the county, filed a petition in the case of Virginia H. Henry against Morgan Henry asking the court to reduce the amount of alimony he has been forced to pay his former wife.

OPEN AIR SINGING.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) NEW YORK, April 17.—Tentative plans for giving grand opera in English and Italian in the public parks have been made by the supervisor of recreation. Should Mayor Gaynor approve the plans famous operas will be sung at six centers beginning next month. The admission prices are to be fifty and twenty-five cents.

T. B. E. Spencer, of Huntington, is a guest at the Waldo.

But Two Days Remain in Which to Win the \$125 Diamond Ring.

BIG VOTE SATURDAY

Last Week of Opportunity Period as High Vote Schedule Ends Saturday.

***** NOTICE TO OUT OF TOWN CONTESTANTS. *****

To all contestants and others living outside the city of Clarksburg, the Daily Telegram wishes to state that all subscriptions bearing the postmark of Saturday, April 19, before 9 p. m. will be credited as first period business. Contestants should learn from their postmasters how late letters can be mailed to receive the Saturday postmark, then work up to the last minute allowed them and get their letters with subscriptions in the mails in sufficient time. This is done to give the out of town contestants as near an equal chance with the city contestants as possible.

The number of subscriptions received is increasing at a very rapid rate, and it is sure the volume of business done by the end of the first period—next Saturday night at 9 o'clock—will be enormous.

Nearly all the contestants are reserving their special ballots for a "rainy day," and are "making hay while the sun shines."

There was scarcely a minute yesterday when one or more of the active subscription getters were not in the Daily Telegram office, turning in orders and getting the votes to which they were entitled.

Two Days to Hustle. Two days of the first period remain, and the contestants are once more reminded that after Saturday night there will be a big reduction in the number of votes issued on subscriptions. All wide-awake contestants will secure every possible subscription. The one who does the most work the last couple of days of this week will undoubtedly be a strong contender for either the Paige automobile, the Ford car, one of the tours to Europe or one of the Price and Teeple pianos.

Big Special Prize Saturday. But two days remain in which the contestants can turn in the most money on new subscriptions before Saturday night. Any contestant can win this magnificent sparkler and one of the other big prizes.

You can hardly help but win a prize. If you turn in your subscriptions and do not have quite enough to win one of the big prizes by putting forth the very best effort in the next two days you can secure this magnificent \$125 diamond ring! It is very probable that there will be a heavy vote cast Saturday, each contestant wishing to lead in his or her respective district at the beginning of the second period. Everybody can't lead, but everybody has a chance to try.

If you are looking for excitement, something out of the ordinary, Mr. Reader, just keep your eye on the standing. You will find plenty of it by following the score each evening in the Daily Telegram Square Deal Voting Contest.

GIRLS JAILED

For Trials on Charge of Immoral Conduct and Companion Forfeits Bond.

Girls giving the names of Clara Cook and Lena Simms were remanded to jail for hearings this evening when arraigned at this morning's session of the police court on a charge of assembling for an immoral purpose with a man who gave his name as John Doe last evening in a West Main street building below Second street. The man was released on a cash bond of \$11.60, which he forfeited by not appearing for trial. Policemen McClelland and Isenhart arrested the trio.

Three men who were convicted of street drunkenness were sentenced to serve one half day each in jail in default of paying fines of \$3 and costs. Mayor Frank R. Moore presided at the session.

T. J. Kelley is here from Parkersburg on a business mission.

POPE PIUS VERY MUCH IMPROVED

CHARGES MADE

In Secret Says Moore and He Has No Chance to Defend Himself.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—

Charges upon which President Wilson yesterday summarily removed Willis L. Moore, chief of the weather bureau, rested today in the department of justice, where agents of the bureau of investigations were at work on them. Neither Secretary Houston nor the White House had any reply to make to Prof. Moore's statement that the charges against him had been secretly made and that he had no opportunity to defend himself. None of the officials went further today in detailing the charges other to say they consisted of irregularities.

Representative Fowler, of Illinois, who has a resolution before the House for the investigation of the weather bureau, said today it was founded on charges made by James D. Berry, a former employee of the bureau who, he alleges, have been advanced in salary an aggregate of \$22,800 the last five years in return for political work for the former forecaster.

CHORAL

Club is to Meet Friday Evening in the Methodist Church.

The Marqato Choral Club will meet at 7:45 o'clock Friday evening in the Sunday school room of the First Methodist Episcopal church. Members should notice the change. It is very important for all members to be present.

The work of the chorus is progressing nicely. Fifty are enrolled and the numbers for the concert to be given May 13 promise to be pleasing.

EX-SENATOR MORRISON ILL.

J. W. Morrison, of Sutton, ex-senator from Braxton county, is a patient in the Kessler hospital receiving treatment for paralysis. Mr. Morrison would be glad to have any of his old friends call at the hospital to see him.

INSURANCE RATES TO BE ADJUSTED

Material Reductions Are to Be Made as Result of Water Board Action.

The water works and sewerage board is about to realize a long cherished ambition on behalf of the property owners of the city, in the way of a very substantial reduction in the premium rates by all insurance companies carrying local risks. The recent water works improvement authorized by the people and successfully carried out by the water board, were in accord with the recommendations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, upon completion of which the National Board promised the reduction which citizens of the city will soon enjoy. Standard pattern fire hydrants have been installed in the resident districts which formerly were poorly protected and the department has left nothing undone to bring the works as a whole fully up to the required standard demanded by insurance companies. In the high value mercantile and wholesale districts the old type of hydrant was replaced with modern steamer hydrants of the Mathews pattern and in several instances the hydrants were reset on high pressure mains. A uniform hydrostatic pressure in these congested districts of 112 pounds per square inch is maintained. The improvements and extensions recommended by the National Board were completed January, 1912, since which time the local water board has made a thorough canvass of the city and it has added such extensions as the growth of the city demanded.

It is believed that the companies carrying local risks mean to make a fair adjustment of rates and their co-operation with the water board is commendable.

George P. Morgan, of Parkersburg, is transacting business here.

But the Doctors Say Absolute Rest is Very Necessary Now.

DOCTORS SUMMONED

By the Italian Government to Tell of the Condition of the Pontiff.

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE) ROME, April 17.—The Pope's condition as set forth in a bulletin issued this morning by his physicians was as follows:

"The Pontiff spent a calm night. His temperature was ninety-seven this morning. Slight amelioration in the bronchial system was again noted."

The Pope is so much better that of present conditions continue the last bulletin about his health will be issued by the doctors tomorrow. In this they will declare they are confident he will recover. The Pope himself says he is better. When one of the doctors asked him at noon today how he felt he replied:

"This is the first day since my release that I feel really relieved."

Complete Rest Needed.

The doctors again impressed upon the Pope the necessity of complete rest telling him that any activity would work against his recovery.

"Your commands shall be obeyed," said the Pope, smiling with an air of resignation. Shortly after the doctors left, however, the sun broke through the clouds and the Pope declared he could endure his bed no longer. He insisted on rising and his attendants felt obliged to give way to his wishes. He refused all assistance saying he could help himself although he said that he was feeling somewhat weaker.

Doctors Are Summoned.

The Italian government wishing to be absolutely sure of the Pope's real condition today summoned the doctors responsible for the care of his health. They replied to the appeal for a direct statement with the very frank declaration that it was extremely difficult to say that his constitution would overcome the present and the end might be expected any crisis, but even if it does, they explained, the remainder of his days still would be considered precarious time.

REPLY EXPECTED

By Nightfall from Both Sides to Hatfield's Proposal.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) CHARLESTON, April 17.—No reply to Governor Hatfield's proposal for settlement of the industrial dispute in the Cabin and Paint Creek coal districts had been made up to noon today, but a reply was expected from both sides before nightfall. The miners were reported to have taken the position that they would do nothing in answer to the governor's proposal until the reply from the operators was in his hands.

NOMINATIONS

Of Several Men Are Sent to the Senate by President Wilson.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—Among President Wilson's nominations sent to the Senate today were to the board of the United States general appraisers, Jerry B. Sullivan, of Iowa; appraiser of customs at Philadelphia, William M. Roper; auditor for the interior department, Robert W. Woolley, of Virginia; assistant secretary of war, Henry C. Breckinridge, of Lexington, Ky.

NEGRO NAMED.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 17.—William T. Scott, the only negro ever nominated for president of the United States by a properly constituted national delegate convention, was today placed on the House pay roll as a janitor.